

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 900

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor Jeff Jordan, Clarksville High School wrestling coach, on his final season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those athletes and coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such esteemed person is Coach Jeff Jordan of Clarksville High School who, after nearly twenty years at the helm, is stepping down as the leader of the mighty Wildcats wrestling program; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive tenure, Coach Jordan led the Clarksville Wildcats to seventeen consecutive region individual team titles, fifteen consecutive state dual appearances, fourteen out of fifteen district championships, state dual and individual crowns in 2000, and state runner up in both events in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the program's robust success transformed wrestling in the midstate, and its dominance in Clarksville as well as in Montgomery County commanded attention from the most competitive wrestling programs; and

WHEREAS, as he leaves behind a legacy of victory, he takes with him fond memories of the relationships he developed with his players and the lessons they taught him over the years; and

WHEREAS, prior to his career at Clarksville High School, Jeff Jordan served as wrestling coach at Franklin High School, during which time he was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and led his team to a state dual title; and

WHEREAS, he transferred to Clarksville High School in 1993, beginning with seven freshman on a team of fourteen wrestlers, and grew the program into the behemoth it is today; and

WHEREAS, he has even had the privilege of coaching his son, Hayden Jordan, who will be graduating this year with four years of wrestling under his belt; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his stalwart leadership, Coach Jordan was recently named the Leaf-Chronicle All-Area Wrestling Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this distinct honor, he received the Legends Award-Coach of the Year Award by the City of Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department and Legends Bank. Competing among six other finalists, Coach Jordan earned this award for his hard work and dedication to his players and to the coaching community; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Jordan epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and it is most appropriate that the members of this body should commend and applaud him for his amazing accomplishments in training, encouraging, and guiding the many outstanding athletes involved in the wrestling program at Clarksville High School during his coaching tenure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Jeff Jordan for his successful coaching leadership of the Clarksville High School Wildcats wrestling team. We thank him for his dedicated service to the team's members and fans, and we wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.